PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

The Palm Beach meeting was, in my humble opinion, a real success. Over 100 members registered and took part in the proceedings. With this kind of interest and active cooperation the A H S will continue to grow and be of more service to more and more people.

We are now "Firing Up" for the larger portion of the show year. The first three shows set a standard which will be hard to beat, but I know every chapter will try to outdo anything it has done before. From my observations, this is a good hibiscus year. Blooms seem to be better both in quantity and quality, so lets fill all the racks at all the shows. A good show with a good approach to the public for members really pays off in new members. Each chapter should keep this in mind when planning it's show. Figure out some way to let people know of the American Hibiscus Society's activities and offer them the opportunity to join and participate in the fun and fellowship.

I am, and have been, fortunate in the officers you elected to work with me and I am indeed grateful for their unselfish cooperation and help. I hope each director, chapter president, and national committee chairman will also continue to come to board meetings with new ideas and suggestions for betterment of the Society. All members who are not officers or committeemen are cordially urged to attend board meetings and submit their ideas for improvement of the AHS.

See you at the shows,

Lee Trainor

SHOW REPORTS

Three shows of the new season have blossomed and passed into eternity durint the past couple of months. The Bruce Parnell Chapter and the Sunrise Chapter were sponsored for the first time this year. The James E. Hendry Chapter has been a sponsored show for some time. All three were very successful in spite of rain at some of them. Here are the results of many people working many long hours.

BRUCE PARNELL CHAPTER

Sweepstakes were won by Chief Master Sergeant C. W. Harlan of Miami in the Amateur Section; Homestead Nursery in the Commercial and Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Fore in the Collector Section.

Gold Seals in show - 92
Number of Amateur entrants - 9
Best bloom of show - "*Big Sister*"
grown by Mr. & Mrs. Gordon Fore.
Best Amateur bloom - "*Many Times*"
grown by Kent Duve
Best Amateur double - "*Orchid White*"
grown by Kent Duve also
Best Commercial bloom - "*Loveliness*"
grown by Homestead Nursery
Best Commercial single - "*Gladys Carroll*"
grown by Reasoners Nursery
Best Collector bloom - "*Geisha Girl*"
grown by Sam Buser
Best Collector double - "*September*"
grown by Mr & Mrs, Gordon Fore
Best Seedling of show - "*Confetti*"
grown by Harry Goulding
Best Seedling double - *A double red*
grown by Janette Morgan
Best Miniature of show - "*Blue Boy*"
grown by Mr. & Mrs. Tom King
Best Miniature single - *A miniature seedling*
grown by Harry Goulding

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